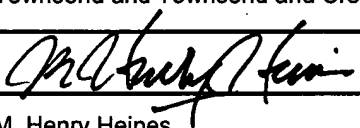
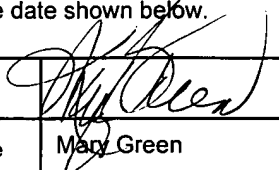


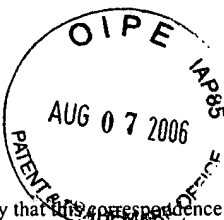
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Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1-8 as either anticipated or obvious over Nordquist et al. US 6,149,671, is again respectfully traversed.

The holding in the Office Action that “the only positively cited step of the independent claim is irradiating a portion of a living organism” is an incomplete reading of the claim and a mischaracterization of the invention. As previously explained by Applicant, claim 1 of the present application explicitly recites irradiation of an organism with radiation at a